

LOGAN & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NEWSLETTER



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Spotted Sun Orchid

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Next Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday 19th April 2016

Commencing at 7.30pm.

Logan Central Community Centre
Cnr Jacaranda Ave & Wembley Road
Logan Central.

Next Committee Meeting:

Tuesday 3rd May 2016

Commencing at 7.30pm.

Logan Central Community Centre

JUDGES' CHOICE SPECIAL INTEREST PLANT OF THE MONTH

Phal. equestris

crossed with

Phal. appendiculata



Plant Name: *Phal. Tassanee Jongdamkerng*

Exhibitor: Julie Copley-Bishop

Owners Comments

Housing: This miniature Phalaenopsis orchid is mounted on cork with a small amount of sphagnum moss. It is hung under an archway that is covered with 70% shade cloth receiving only a few hours of sun in the afternoon. No cooling or heating system is used.

Feeding: The plant is sprayed fortnightly with half strength *Orchid Boost* Regular Feed Blend 10N, 10P, and 10K.

Watering: The orchid is watered with town water and misted by a hand held hose twice per day in summer, less in winter.

Any Other Cultural Notes: This is the orchid's first flowering with sprays of petite pink flowers with a darker pink lip. It has been very slow to thrive and bloom.

Work Roster for April 2016

Hall Set-up at 6.30pm

Those that can come early.

Supper: Marge Dawson and Preethi Jayasuria

Editorial

This month we have the usual format for page 1 with a photo of a Phalaenopsis primary hybrid, these photos are from the Internet, I must apologise as I didn't arrange for someone to take photos at the March meeting, I must have been preoccupied with the trip to Thailand with the Ross Maidment Tour, there are no photos of the winning plants as well. Page 2 the Shows to come, Committee notes, as there is no guest speaker for April, I will run an OrchidWiz Quiz which is rather good, Page 3 has the minutes from the March meeting, and potting supplies information. Page 4 the benching for the February meeting while Page 5 has the 1st placed plants photos. Page 6 has Barry's Column for February; on Page 7 the benching for the March meeting while page 8 has Barry's Column for that meeting. Page 9 has a bit of comedy to cheer you up and last of all the next Cultural meeting at our place in May.

I have to report the trip to Thailand went well, lots of things to see with a look at a couple of orchid nurseries which are really orchid farms, us amateurs just cant' compete with them. Saw lots of Buddhist Temples (the Thai term for this is Wat) and lots of shopping at markets, Maree purchased a few things, I must point out it was a sight seeing tour not an orchid and nursery tour, even though I returned with 12 whiskey bottle flasks, 9 Vandas and 3 Phaphs which have been deflasked and seem to be doing well. The visit to the APOC conference in Bangkok was the highlight of the trip, I suppose a PowerPoint program for you all to see is on the horizon as soon as I can get around to it.

Reg

COMMITTEE NOTES

The committee discussed arrangements for the upcoming table-top display at the Brisbane Orchid Society Show at Mt Gravatt State School on 16th and 17th April. Set-up is at 4pm on Friday 15th April. Please contribute flowering plants for the display. Pick-up again on Sunday afternoon 3pm.

CENTRO Mother's Day display and sales Set – up 3.30 – 4pm on Wednesday 4th May. Fill in the roster. Volunteers needed Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Members should feel free to take home and fill in a nomination forms for benching plants at the monthly meetings. Some members' writing is hard to read.

Jan McKenzie (Secretary)

Judges for the April Meeting

There will be four Judges and any associate Judges that request to observe the procedure.

If there are sufficient plants on the benches the Judges will operate in 2 teams.

The Judges are J Rutherford, Don Nitschinsk, Michael Billiau, John Roberts, Associate Jan Teufel.

Members wishing to help with the stewarding please see Maree as she will be selecting them on the night.

SHOWS TO COME

Brisbane O. S. 16/17 April, Mt Gravatt State School 1263 Logan Rd.
Redlands O.S. 30th April, Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland.
Aspley O. S. 7/8 May, Community Hall , Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Hts.
Ballina & District O. S. 7/8 May, Ballina Fair Sopping Centre.
Lockyer Valley O. S. 6/7 May, Gatton Shire Hall.
Maclean District O. S. 29/30 April, Maclean Bowls Club.
Redcliffe District O. S. 4/7 May, Redcliffe Municipal Library.

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GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE APRIL MEETING

There is no Guest Speaker for the April meeting.
we will run an OrchidWiz Quiz.

MINUTES LOGAN & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY INC GENERAL MEETING
15th MARCH 2016

OPENING President Ken Martin opened the meeting at 7.45 pm.

APOLOGIES As per attendance book

MINUTES The minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted on the motion of Graham Maggs and seconded by Margaret Tierney

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

Subscriptions – G Letchford, H & C Edwardes, W & S Marks and P Barnett
Pattison Rare Plant Garden – Flyer, Open Garden Bahr’s Scrub – Flyer, Redlands Orchid Society – Show Schedule
Garden City Plastics – A/c, QOS Bulletin, Lockyer Valley Orchid Society – Show Notice
Aranbeem Orchids – Open Day Sale Notice.

No Outwards Correspondence

Correspondence inwards and outwards was accepted on the motion of Gary Hooker and seconded by Julie Copley-Bishop

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Doug Mogg moved and Olympia Pearce seconded that a statement showing balances of :- General Account \$11,853.74
Investment Account \$6246.63 be accepted. Accounts for payment – Garden City Plastics \$761.67

GENERAL BUSINESS

President Ken reminded the members that the Mother’s Day Display will be set-up Wed 11th May at 4pm and that workers were needed to man the display on the Thursday 12th Friday 13th and Saturday 14th – work roster was circulated. Also he reminded the members that plants were need for both the display and for plant sales.

Ken also reminded members that the Brisbane Orchid Show is on the 16th & 17th of April at the Mt Gravatt State School in Logan Road Mt Gravatt – our Society will be putting on a display at the show which will be set up on Friday 15th at 4pm. B.O.S President Ken Haase told members that plants on our display would be judged providing they had benching tags on them.

Pam advised all of details of other up-coming orchid shows – Queensland Orchid Society, Bribie Island Orchid Society, Ipswich Orchid Society, Eastern Districts Orchid Society and Redlands Orchid Society.

Ken Hasse reminded everyone that the next Cultural Morning would be at his home in Sunnybank Hills on Saturday 2nd April and asked members to bring a chair and plate of food to share.

Ken Martin reminded members to check expiry date on prize vouchers they won in the 2015 Judges Competition – they are valid till Nov 30th so if they need to be changed bring them in and Ken will validate then for you.

John Roberts and Nick Woolley gave an extensive review of the plants tabled – in lieu of a Guest Speaker
With Reg away there was no Cultural Officers Report.

TRADE SALES REPORT Adrian advised that new raffle plants have arrived from Orchids North and that the quality of the plants is excellent. Ken advised that he has plenty of bark ready for any repotting but has no more coco coir (this can be purchased from Garden City Plastics).

Supper Volunteers – Marge Dawson and Preethi Jayasuria

Meeting closed at approx. 9 pm

Temporary Secretary Pam Price

POTTING SUPPLIES

ORCHIATA Bark is available FROM Ken Martin, Phone 3341 5474. 9 Dianna Street UNDERWOOD.

It is available in 4 sizes, Small 6-9mm, Medium 9-12mm, Large 12-18mm and Extra Large 18-25mm.

The price to LADOS members is \$25.00 per 40L bag

Coconut Chips are available from Garden City Plastics 188 North Road WOODRIDGE, Ph 3443 7700

Adrian has sourced Charcoal in 10L bags @ \$10 a bag and is available from Ken.

When buying a quantity of any product, Adrian has requested that you ring him so a suitable supply of stock can be brought to the hall as it makes it possible for other members to purchase product.

You can call him, Adrian Bergstrum ☎ 3805 8224 or Email abergstrum@hotmail.com. It is probably best to call before lunch as Adrian works an afternoon shift at WW bulk store.

JUDGES CHOICE RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2016

1 DENDROBIUMS:		16 SPECIES EXOTIC SYMPODIAL:	
1	<i>Den.</i> Heart of Gold	Baxter L	1 <i>C. crispa</i> Haase K
2	<i>Den.</i> Shavin White	Roulstone N & T	2 <i>Gram. scriptum</i> Mogg D
3	<i>Den.</i> Samarai *	Roulstone N & T	3 <i>Gram. scriptum</i> Scriven B
2 CATTLEYAS Over 100mm:		17 SPECIES EXOTIC MONOPODIAL:	
1	<i>Rlc.</i> White Diamond	Haase K	1 <i>Aergs. biloba</i> Tierney M
2	<i>Rlc.</i> White Diamond	Maggs G	2 <i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i> 'Red' Haase K
3	<i>Rlc.</i> Golden Magestic *	Mogg D	3 <i>Phal. violacea</i> Haase K
3 CATTLEYAS 60-100mm:		18 INTERMEDIATE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:	
1	<i>Rby.</i> Hawaiian Leopard *	Maggs G	1 <i>C.</i> Allen Condo x Maui Plum Kapernick G
2	<i>C.</i> Dal's Good One	Haase K	2 <i>C. purpurata</i> 'Carnea' x Ana Maria 'Angelica' Kapernick G
3	<i>C.</i> Caudebec x Deception Bay	McCallum P	3 <i>Bc.</i> Yellow Bird Lynch R & D
4 CATTLEYAS Under 60mm:		19 INTERMEDIATE DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE:	
1	<i>Cma.</i> Topaz Raspberry 'Lea'	Maggs G	1 <i>Den. bigibbum</i> 'Samford Celebration' Kapernick G
2	<i>Rly.</i> Maili's Surprise	McKenzie J & I	2 <i>Den.</i> Chao Praya Candy x Classic Gem Lynch R & D
3	<i>Cdh.</i> Hidden Gold	Roulstone N & T	
5 CATTLEYAS Novelty or Cluster:		20 INTERMEDIATE ANY OTHER GENUS:	
1	<i>C.</i> Lulu 'Hot Pink' x Caudebec	Baxter L	1 <i>Brat.</i> Axtex 'Toni' Lynch R & D
2	<i>C.</i> Caudabec Candy	Haase K	2 <i>Mult. regnellii</i> x <i>spectabilis</i> Lynch R & D
3	<i>C.</i> Fantasy Jibara	Roulstone N & T	3 <i>Psh. cochleata</i> Lynch R & D
6 PAPHIOPEDILUM:		21 NOVICE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:	
1	<i>Paph.</i> Psyche	Tierney M	1 <i>C.</i> Caudebec x <i>Rlc.</i> Roy Maidment Hatzirodos J
2	<i>Paph.</i> Transvaal	Tierney M	2 <i>C.</i> Unknown Morrison H
3	<i>Paph.</i> Chilton x Onyx	Tierney M	
7 VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE Flowers up to 40mm:		22 NOVICE DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE:	
1	<i>Van.</i> Fuchs Ocean Spray	Haase K	1 <i>Den.</i> Fantasy x Chao Praya Gem Hocking R
2	<i>V.</i> Su Fun beauty	Pritchard T & B	
8 VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE Flowers over 40mm:		23 NOVICE ANY OTHER GENUS:	
1	<i>V.</i> Pakchong Blue 'Giant Blue'	Mogg D	1 <i>Van.</i> Fuchs Ocean Spray Hocking R
2	<i>V.</i> Kee Yong Wee *	Roulstone N & T	2 <i>Rhy. coelestis</i> Simons J
3	<i>V.</i> Susan Ong Ah Mooi	Roulstone N & T	3 <i>Cyp.</i> Cynosure 'Blue Birds' Hocking R
9 PHALAENOPSIS:		Cultural Award	
1	<i>Phal. reichenbarkia</i> x <i>pulcherrima</i>	Tierney M	<i>Van.</i> Fuchs Ocean Spray 76% Ryan Hocking
2	<i>Phal.</i> Cornustris	Haase K	
3	<i>Phal.</i> Taiwan Diamond 'Orchis'	Filia A & K	
10 ONCIDIINAE:		Special Interest Plant of the Month	
1	<i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	Cook T	<i>C. crispa</i> Haase K
2	<i>Alcra.</i> Pacific Nova 'Okila'	Haase K	
3	<i>Onc.</i> Unknown	McCallum P	
11 MISCELLANEOUS LARGE 50mm and over:		Popular Vote—Open	
1	<i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows 'Rebecca'	Buchanan J & P	<i>C. crispa</i> Haase K
2	<i>Brs.</i> Stardust	Pritchard T & B	
15 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES:		Popular Vote—Novice & Intermediate	
1	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>superbum</i>	Roulstone N & T	<i>Van.</i> Fuchs Ocean Spray Ryan Hocking

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First placed orchids at the February meeting photos by Reg Illingworth



1. Dendrobium
1st. *Den.* Heart of Gold
Baxter L



2. Cattleyas – Over 100mm
1st. *Rlc.* White Diamond
Haase K



3. Cattleyas – 60mm to 100mm
1st. *Rby.* Hawaiian Leopard
Maggs G



4. Cattleya Under 60mm
1st. *Cma.* Topaz Raspberry 'Lea'
Maggs G



5. Cattleyas – Novelty or Cluster
1st. *C.* Lulu 'Hot Pink' x Caudebec
Baxter L



6. Paphiopedilum
1st. *Paph.* Psyche
Tierney M



7. Vandaceous Alliance Flowers up to 40mm
1st. *Van.* Fuchs Ocean Spray
Haase K



8. Vandaceous Alliance Flowers over 40mm:
1st. *V.* Pakchong Blue 'Giant Blue'
Mogg D



9. Phalaenopsis
1st. *Phal.* reichenbarkia x pulcherrima
Tierney M



10. Oncidiinae
1st. *Onc.* Sharry Baby
Cook T



11. MISCELLANEOUS Large 50mm & Over:
1st. *Zga.* Adelaide Meadows 'Rebecca'
Buchanan J & P



15. Australian Native Species
1st. *Den.* bigibbum var. *superbum*
Roulstone N & T



16. Species – Exotic Sympodial
1st. *C.* *crispa*
Haase K



17. Species – Exotic Monopodial
1st. *Aergs.* *biloba*
Tierney M



18. Intermediate – Cattleya Alliance
1st. *C.* Allen Condo x Maui Plum
Kapernick G



19. Intermediate Dendrobium Alliance
1st. *Den.* bigibbum 'Samford Celebration'
Kapernick G



20. Intermediate – Any Other Genus
1st. *Brat.* Axtec 'Toni'
Lynch R & D



21. Novice Cattleya Alliance
1st. *C.* Caudebec x *Rlc.* Roy Maidment
Hatzirodos J



22. NOVICE DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE:
1st. *Den.* Fantasy x Chao Praya Gem
Hocking R



23. Novice Any Other Genus:
1st. *Van.* Fuchs Ocean Spray
Hocking R

Barry's Column

Some Plants Tabled At The February Meeting

Cattleya Over 100mm featured a *Rlc*. Golden Majestic labelled with its grex formula of *Rlc*. Glenn Maidment "Southern Cross. x *Rlc*. Dal's Thunder 'Jennifer'. Although a trifle pointed to the sepals its blooms were of otherwise very good shape, their broad petals being a predominantly cream colouration that became white to the bases thereof. As with many cattleya types the labellum side lobes enveloped the column creating the well known tubular effect, this area was mauve white, the flared and gofferred mid-lobes were dark purple with a paler, narrow band to their outer edges. The inside frontal portion of the side lobes had yellow eyes created by purple stripes running rearward into the throat.

For colour, the frequently entered *Rlc*. Mount Isa 'Jean', another of which was tabled at this meeting, is quite a stand-out, hence often commented on.

Another in this vogue was the predominantly yellow *Rlc*. (*Blc*.) Williette Wong 'The Best', of fuller shape but in similar colour vein excepting that its more open lip showed less yellow. Over the period of writing this column, I've mentioned my penchant for red-lipped yellow 'Catts', and have gone on to bore readers about my first seeing one during my early teens. It was a French import only a week at most out of quarantine, it had only a single bloom, but time has proved it quite struck a cord.

In Vanda Over 40mm was a V. Gordon Dillon 'Black Magic' and although the seven blooms were not exactly black they were none-the-less very dark in a more red-purple hue, this more so to the ventrals; a pale base tone showed through on the dorsals and petals, this was lightly brushed dark mauve, spotted and veined the aforementioned dark red-purple. The spike was not set at it's best angle as the grower later told me, he'd caught it too late, which saw the blooms not displayed to their best positions. However, there's always next season, and as I told the grower, he ought to also groom the flower shape.

In Oncidiinae was a *Miltoniopsis* Prelapsarion 'Lusty'; the slightly corrected grex name corresponds with a 2007 registration of *Mps*. Paradise Park x *Mps*. Woodlands. The plant carried two spokes of five blooms each, these had dark

purplish petals and paler sepals, the lip tips paler again, this separated by a white band from a large area of an almost black tone to the basal region.

Species Sympodial had entered a well grown and flowered former member of the *Laelia* genus, now a *Cattleya*, *C. cripa*, carrying two spikes, each with nine blooms these being predominantly white; the tepals were reflexed at their tips while the petals were slightly folded length-wise down the mid-ribs. Lip bases were tubular, base of mid-lobe flared and yellow inside, becoming red-purple then paling out to the pointed, reflexed tips which appeared brushed with the previous colour that also occurred as stripes over the tips.

As mentioned this was a well flowered example of its type and I noticed that the plant was at the pot edge with a couple of roots going over and wondered if it might follow to some degree *C. lobata*, which is quite similar to in plant form, which gives its best flowering from plants that are somewhat pot-bound and are beginning to actually grow over the pot edge.

Known as "the Cattleya That Never Flowers" during the mid 19th century. I was treated to a reminder of this at the end of last year when a cluster of half a dozen or so pots presented a mass of blooms with others poking up all over the bushhouse, and yes, they badly needed repotting. The plant tabled was in a not large pot for its size.

Two plants of an albinotic form of *Grammatophyllum scriptum* given the varietal (or Cv.) title of 'Citrinum' were tabled each with densely flowered spikes, both plants were of similar size and appeared to be carrying close to the same number of flowers, one of those plants was mine so I've been able to poke around and establish that it has 78 blooms with the other I did make a not accurate count of some 70 plus. If from Fame Orchids they would be of the same clone, Fame's stock No. F3063, not selfed seedlings. I checked this with the nursery as the blooms of my plant were a deeper colour and up to 45 mm, the paler blooms of the other were up to 50mm spread. Alex Hawkes cites 45mm and Botanica's Pocket Orchids 70mm (and spike up to 2 metres); these dimensions are for the type forms.



JUDGES CHOICE RESULTS FOR MARCH, 2016

1 DENDROBIUMS:		15 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES:	
1	<i>Den. Masako Taki 'Blue'</i>	Haase K	1 <i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>compactum</i> x <i>bigibbum</i> 'Alba'
2	<i>Den. Topaz Rosie</i>	Haase K	Berry P
3	<i>Den. Isabel Zhong-Yan Choo</i>	Mogg D	2 <i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>compactum</i> 'Dong Toy'
			Stewart M
2 CATTLEYAS Over 100mm:		16 SPECIES EXOTIC SYMPODIAL:	
1	<i>Rlc. Rockwood</i>	Haase K	1 <i>Milt. moreliana</i>
2	<i>Rlc. Redland City</i>	Gill C & M	2 <i>Den. bracteosum</i>
3	<i>Rlc. Alma Kee 'Tip Malee'</i>	Roulstone N & T	3 <i>Gur. bowringiana</i>
			Stewart M
			Haase K
			Raup K
3 CATTLEYAS 60-100mm:		17 SPECIES EXOTIC MONOPODIAL:	
1	<i>Rlc. Glenlee Mikayla</i>	Haase K	1 <i>Phal. hieroplyphica</i> 'Alba'
2	<i>Rly. Topaz Dearest</i>	Haase K	2 <i>Phal. violacea</i>
3	<i>C. Jungle Queen</i> x <i>Ctt. Narooma</i>	Cook T	3 <i>Phal. violacea</i>
			Haase K
4 CATTLEYAS Under 60mm:		18 INTERMEDIATE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:	
1	<i>C. Dal's Good One 'Junella'</i>	Haase K	1 <i>C. Highland Spots 'Caren'</i> x <i>Caudebec 'Carmela'</i>
			Filia A & K
5 CATTLEYAS Novelty or Cluster:		19 INTERMEDIATE DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE:	
1	<i>C. Highland Spots 'Carmen'</i> x <i>Caudebec 'Carmela'</i>	Maggs G	1 <i>Den. Masako Taki 'Bette'</i>
			Kapernick G
2	<i>Rby. Everything Nice 'Exquisite'</i>	Gill C & M	2 <i>Den. bigibbum</i> 'Samantha'
			Kapernick G
3	<i>Bc. Glorious May 'H & R'</i>	Cook T	3 <i>Den. bigibbum</i> 'Samford Good Guy' x 'Samford Celebration'
			Kapernick G
6 PAPHIOPEDILUM:		21 NOVICE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:	
1	<i>Paph. Graham Robertson</i>	Tierney M	1 <i>Bct. Little Mermaid 'Janet'</i>
			Hatzirodos J
7 VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE Flowers up to 40mm:		22 NOVICE DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE:	
1	<i>Van. Pine Rivers 'Pink'</i>	Haase K	1 <i>Den. Janine's Flush</i> x <i>Burana Stripe</i>
			Hocking R
2	<i>Van. Crownfox Magic</i> x <i>Gigi Magic</i>	Baxter L	
3	<i>Van. Lilac Blossom</i>	Tierney M	
8 VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE Flowers over 40mm:		23 NOVICE ANY OTHER GENUS:	
1	<i>V. Kultana Spots 'Srichan'</i>	Haase K	1 <i>Trgl. atropurpurea</i>
			Simons J
2	<i>Pda. Pure Delight</i>	Mogg D	2 <i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>
			Jayasuriya U & P
3	<i>V. Thai Spots</i> x <i>Doctor Anek</i>	Mogg D	3 <i>V. Theptong</i>
			Hocking R
9 PHALAENOPSIS:		Cultural Award	
1	<i>Phal. Memoria Sarah Robertson</i> x (<i>Amy Louise</i> x <i>Sharon Truscott</i>)	Stewart M	<i>Milt. moreliana</i> 80%
			Stewart M
2	<i>Phal. Tassanee Jongdamkerng</i>	Copley-Bishop J	
10 ONCIDIINAE:		Special Interest Plant of the Month	
1	<i>Brsda. Aloha Elizabeth</i>	Mogg D	<i>Phal. Tassanee Jongdamkerng</i>
			Copley-Bishop J
2	<i>Brat. Aztec 'Toni'</i>	Pritchard T & B	
			Popular Vote—Open
3	<i>Brat. Aztec 'Toni'</i>	Buchanan J & P	<i>Milt. moreliana</i>
			Stewart M
11 MISCELLANEOUS LARGE 50mm and over:		Popular Vote—Novice & Intermediate	
1	<i>Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice 'Lakeside Joy'</i>	Haase K	<i>Trgl. atropurpurea</i>
			Simons J
2	<i>Cycd. Stephen Moffitt</i> *	Mogg D	
12 MISCELLANEOUS SMALL Under 50mm:		The popular vote was a little disappointing as only six votes were received	
1	<i>Phrag. Green Hornet</i>	Haase K	
13 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID DENDROBIUM:			
1	<i>Den. Colonial Maid 'Verity'</i>	Berry P	

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Barry's Column

Some Plants Tabled At The March Meeting

Tabled in Species Symposial was a plant labelled as *Miltonia spectabilis* var. *moreliana* which it had been known as for very many years. It finally become accepted as a distinct species and is now straight *Milt. moreliana*; it has been treated as such in 'Sander's' since about the turn of this century. A naturally rhizomatous entity that can soon grow over the edge of it's receptacle; this entry, however, although of specimen proportions, had been trained into a compact cluster of growths by an evidently patient owner. It carried nineteen typically single flowered spikes that were of the usual *Milt. moreliana* colouring, having dark plum coloured tepals that are narrower than the broad, paler, somewhat lavender toned lips, these were striped longitudinally in a mauvish hue that was darker at the bases and becoming paler towards the tips.

Unlike the type form, this plant's petals don't reflex rearwards at their tips, something species buffs may not favour, but for hybridizers, most acceptable. This plant's blooms are very much like those of one that was awarded fairly recently, unfortunately I can't recall it's varietal name.

Novice Any Other Genus presented a sibling cross of *Catasetum fimbriatum* that carried ten blooms on an arching spike which were predominantly green, the lips with heavily fimbriated edges had reddish spotting to their upper regions as well as on the tops of the columns. The inner edges of the *porrect* petals were touching along their entire lengths, thus concealing the inside of the dorsals, and were quite heavily spotted and blotched red, this tone repeated with the smaller spots to the ventrals.

Another *Catasetum* entered in this class was *Ctm. Lovena* whose label also advised its grex formula was *Ctsm. (fimbriatum x Susan Fucks)*. The tepals of it's eight blooms were green with similar spotting to the previously mentioned plant except that the dorsals were not so heavily spotted, the lips were yellow-green seeming to become more yellow with maturation.

Entered in Miscellaneous Large was an intergeneric hybrid between two species related to *Catasetum*, this being labelled *Morm. unicolor x Cyc. chlorochilon*, it had ten blooms on an arching spike, which were of open form with pointed tepals that were of a greenish-yellow hue with pure yellow spade shaped lip med-lobes.

This cross was registered in 1999 as *Mormodes maculatum x Cycnoches chlorochilon* which makes *Cynodes* Stephen Moffitt. The RHS (via Sander's) treats 'unicolor' as a synonym of 'maculatum' from the early 1990's, at least this is the earliest registration for this species I was able to encounter in their orchid hybrid lists. Alex D. Hawkes, in his mid 1960's publication *Encyclopaedia of Cultivated Orchids*, when expressing the colour of *Morm. maculatum* writes in part 'pale tawny yellow densely spotted with chocolate red (entirely bright lemon-yellow in the *fma. unicolor hort.*)' which suggests he regarded this yellow form as only a cultivar back then. However the RHS would only be likely to respond when a registrant first sought to use the synonym on applying to name a grex.

A plant of *V. Fuchs Gold x V. Meda Arnold x V. Tubtin Velvet* was also tabled in Novice AOG. The first two plants listed in the grex formula are of the former hybrid genus *Ascocenda*, now treated as straight *Vanda*; if these represent the pollen parent crossing it would be of the grex *Vanda (Ascda)*

Roslyn's Best (reg. in 2004); if on the other hand the crossing was between the last two, a different grex would result which would carry on through to the final resultant name. It is essential that we bracket the grex where only the plant names creating the actual parent grex are provided. This was a small plant with six blooms, the upper three not fully set, with those lower showing only slightly cupped, very good shape. Colour was predominantly rosy mauve with a light dusting of a yellow tone to the petal bases, with mauve tipped lips becoming yellow to their bases and (quite small) side lobes. As expressed above this was a small plant that should become larger with maturity and hence produce longer spikes and more blooms presenting a display that should acquit itself most favourably in any competition.

Australian Native Species featured a *Dendrobium* labelled *Den. bigibbum compactum x bigibbum 'Album'*, it's two flowering canes having two spikes each, the three more floriferous with between ten to thirteen blooms of darkish mauve, with deep purple lips, these well displayed flowers were of quite pleasing form.

This previous plant had much taller canes than a compactum and one was displayed beside it with shorter canes, more of the type style regarding length; it was labelled *Den. bigibbum compactum* var. *dang loy*, its 100mm pot barely contained the plant which had nine spikes some with eight blooms. The flowers were slightly smaller than those of the previous plant but of similar good form and colour; both plants showed signs of good culture.

Phalaenopsis Mem. Sarah Robertson x Amy Louise x Sharon Truscott carried fourteen open blooms plus several buds on a single, branched, arching spike, these well displayed flowers were brushed, to the tepals, a pale lavender-pink that was more pale to the basal regions thereof, becoming darker out to the tips, petals had quite a number of small spots, with spotting to the ventrals being larger and darker, all tepals had stripes and veining which became darker towards their tips, lip mid-lobes were a violet-purple, this hue repeated to interior of side-lobes. *Stanhopea marizana*. Should, like me, anyone has acquired a plant labelled as above will need to correct the spelling. I checked this taxon on Dr. Rudolf Jenny's 'The *Stanhopea* Book' to discover it's specific epithet required two extra letters, so becomes *Stanhopea marizaiana*.

I generally endeavour to check out new species additions wherever possible, and as the vendor said, it was a fairly recent introduction, and Dr. Jenny informs collected as recently as Nov. 2001 and goes on to tell how he was shown some slides of it at the European Orchid Conference in London in March 2003, and immediately realised it was a new species and described it in the German journal *Die Orchidee* that same year, (so his spelling of it ought to be correct); also the photo label with the seedling purchased matches the photo of Jennys almost exactly.

FOOTNOTE: The remark about spelling relates to plant name only, the journal 'Die Orchidee', should be, I feel, *Die Orchideen*

The Satnav - by Pam Ayres

I have a little Satnav, It sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend, it tells you where you are.
I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones,
My Satnav is my wife.
It gives me full instructions, Especially how to drive
It's sixty miles an hour, it says, You're doing sixty five.
It tells me when to stop and start, And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever, Safe to overtake.
It tells me when a light is red, And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively, Just when to intervene.
It lists the vehicles just in front, And all those to the rear
And taking this into account, It specifies my gear.
I'm sure no other driver, Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car, It still gives its advice.
It fills me up with counselling, Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it, And get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, Makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things, And keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages, And my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.

From the Pumicestone District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

OLD AGE DEFICIENCY

It's about time the authorities did something about the older drivers on our roads.

For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits (even the road work limits) and stop at the stop signs, causing great inconvenience and often preventing others from doing whatever they like.

Another major concern is that by avoiding fines and demerit points, they are not doing their bit for the revenue of our State and are therefore placing a further burden on younger drivers.

Until older drivers can prove that they are proficient at weaving in and out of traffic, driving while texting, tailgating, using drugs or doing burnouts, they must be banned from holding a licence.

The Logan and District Orchid Society Inc.

Saturday Cultural Information Meeting

Invitation to all Logan & District Orchid Society Inc. members to attend the meeting of the The Logan and District Orchid Society Saturday Cultural Information Meeting, at 51 Lionheart Street Forestdale 4118

The meeting will be at 9.30 am on Saturday the 7th of May 2016

The topic for the February meeting is **Fertilizing your plants for that winning performance.**

Please bring along any problem plants or a plant in need of a repot and if time permits we can discuss these problems and repotting methods.

As with previous meetings it would be appreciated if you would contribute \$1.00 towards the cost of photocopying.

Our phone number is: 3800 3213
Our address is: 51 Lionheart Street
Forestdale 4118

Maree and Reg are looking forward to seeing you on the day.